

COMMUNICATION UPDATE

то:	Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	May 4, 2023
SUBJECT:	Urban Expansion Areas Secondary Planning (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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On March 21, 2023 Planning Committee received report PED21067(d) - Implementing OPA No. 167 – Secondary Planning Strategy for Urban Expansion Areas and Municipal Comprehensive Review Update. As part of this report, Sustainable Communities staff were directed to consult with stakeholders and the public on a draft policy framework and guidelines for Secondary Planning in the Urban Expansion Areas.

Public notice for consultations on the draft policy framework and draft guidelines will be released on May 5 and 6. Public notice includes social media notices, email circulations to stakeholders and the launch of a project website by end of day on May 5, and a newspaper notice in the Hamilton Spectator on May 6 and May 13.

Public consultation will be both virtual and in-person. The planned Public Consultation includes:

- An online survey which will be open from May 5 to May 26.
- A virtual public information meeting on Monday May 15 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- A drop-in open house on Wednesday, May 17 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Hamilton Room at Hamilton Central Library (55 York Boulevard).
- A second drop-in open house on Wednesday, May 24 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Mount Hope Community Centre at 3027 Homestead Drive.

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OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.

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Planning staff will be reporting back on the results of the public consultation and feedback received as part of the follow up report to Planning Committee and Council on the Secondary Planning Strategy or the urban boundary expansion areas.

A copy of the public notice is attached for information.

If you require any further information on the above matter, please contact Mark Kehler, Senior Planner, Sustainable Communities Section, by e-mail at Mark.Kehler@hamilton.ca or at (905) 546-2424 Ext. 4148.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Appendix "A" - Copy of Public Notice

URBAN EXPANSION AREAS Secondary Planning

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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

In 2022, six areas of land called **Urban Expansion Areas** were added to the City's Urban Area as part of a Provincial decision on the City's Official Plan amendment to plan for growth to 2051. Before any development takes place in these areas, a detailed land use planning process called Secondary Planning is required and will be led by the City. To guide the planning for these new growth areas, the City is:

- Establishing a **Policy Framework** outlining requirements for Secondary Plans in Urban Expansion Areas
- Developing Secondary Plan Guidelines to guide all future secondary planning processes for Urban Expansion Areas

The Urban Expansion Areas will become new communities and neighbourhoods. We want to hear your thoughts on what is important to you in planning for these areas. We are seeking your input on what should be included in the Policy Framework and Secondary Plan Guidelines for the Urban Expansion Areas.

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HOW TO PROVIDE INPUT

REVIEW ONLINE MATERIALS ANYTIME

Visit the **PROJECT WEBSITE** anytime from now to **May 26** for more information, to see the consultation materials, and to provide your comments. An online survey is available until midnight on **May 26**. The consultation website is: **engage.hamilton.ca/growinghamilton**

JOIN THE VIRTUAL INFORMATION MEETING

There will be a **LIVE** Virtual Information Meeting held on Monday, **May 15** from **7:00 – 8:30pm**. The project team will provide an overview presentation and there will be an opportunity to ask questions. Individuals can participate online or by phone.

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Visit the website to **register** for the meeting and to submit your questions in advance at: **engage.hamilton.ca/growinghamilton**

ATTEND AN OPEN HOUSE

There will be two **drop-in** open houses held where you can learn about the project, talk with staff and provide input.

Wednesday, May 17 from **6:30 – 8:30 pm** at Hamilton Central Library, Hamilton Room (main floor), 55 York Boulevard.

Wednesday, May 24 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm at Mount Hope Community Centre, 3027 Homestead Drive.

Questions? Would you like to be added to the project mailing list? Contact us at UEAplanning@hamilton.ca

Do you have any accessibility requirements in order to be able to review the material and provide comments? Please contact Mark Kehler via email at **Mark.Kehler@hamilton.ca** or by phone at **905-546-2424 Ext. 4148**.

Information will be collected in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

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